

ANDREW JOHN VOLSTEAD HOUSE
163 9th Avenue
Granite Falls
Yellow Medicine County
Minnesota

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Yellow Medicine	TOWN OR VICINITY Granite Falls
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ANDREW JOHN VOLSTEAD HOUSE		HABS NO. MN-87
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 163 Ninth Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1878 (National Register nomination)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of the man who "personified prohibition." Volstead served in the House of Representatives (1903-23) where as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee he drafted the 1919 National Prohibition Enforcement Act, better known as the "Volstead Act."		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) wood frame with cedar shingle roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) basically square with cross gable roof and 2 story square tower		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 2 story tower with large arch window of ornamental leaded glass, gable roof with a flat top balustraded section, 1 story rounded bay at corner		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) original woodwork in oak, oak flooring in alternating dark and light boards, stained glass in library window, oak stairway with decorative turned post balustrade.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Volstead made major alterations to the house shortly after buying it in 1894. Included was the addition of the 2 story stair tower to the facade.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, used as offices with Volstead exhibit		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
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